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After-Final Response and Amendment

This response is being submitted in reply to the office action mailed on October 28, 2009.

Amendments

1. Please amend the claims as shown on the attached pages. Method claim 22 has been converted to the main claim, whereas original product claims 1-4 have been rendered dependent from the new main claim.

Currently amended claim 22 has been further amended to make the wording describing the reaction steps clearer; the step "providing low molecular..." is supported in the specification, at Example 1 on pages 6 to 7.

All other amendments, in claims 1-4, 6-10, and 20-22 are formal corrections intended to improve clarity of the text, without incorporating any new matter.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, and 21 were rejected as being anticipated by Nantaku et al. (JP 2001-310990).

Although differing with the Examiner on the relevancy of Nantaku, the Applicant now amends the set of claim so that the above rejected claims depend from claim 22, which is now converted to the new main claim. As original claim 22 was acknowledged by the Examiner to be novel in relation to Nantaku, it is believed that the subject matter of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, and 21 is also novel.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103, Claim 22

3. Claim 22 was rejected as being unpatentable over Nakai et al. (US 5,250,590) in view of Nantaku et al. (JP 2001-310990).